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1. In June 1950 the Dessau Railroad Car Shop built 84 special refrigerator freight cars, * five 25-ton traveling cranes, eight 15-ton traveling cranes, and nine de luxe express train cars. The shop was supposed to build fifteen de luxe cars in June, but only nine of these were completed because of a shortage of precious wood.
2. De luxe express-train cars built in April and May 1950 were coupled to freight trains in Dessau (W 52/E 17) and from there they were sent in the direction of Falkenberg (N 52/E 44)-Cottbus (N 52/A 57). Beginning in July 1950, special freight cars are no longer being marshaled for transport in Dessau but after completion are being transferred singly to Coswig and then sent on from there.

3. [] no platform cars ** are manufactured in Dessau Railroad Car Shop.

* [] Comment. According to a previous report the plant delivered two complete refrigerator cars and axles per day to the U.S.S.R. in late 1949. [] 25X1
[] In June 1950 the production of refrigerator cars amounted to nearly three refrigerator cars per day.

** [] Comment. Several reports indicated that platform cars were built or repaired prior to the fall of 1949. This leads to the conclusion that the production of platform cars was given up only a short time ago.

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